Issue of cross border terrorism in G-15 Summit

2543. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recent G-15 Summit there was general acceptance of the problem relating to cross border terrorism;

(b) if so, what decision were taken therein to deal with the menacing problem effectively; and

(c) the steps since taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The G-15 Summit discussed the threat posed by terrorism to peace and stability at national, regional and international levels and concluded that terrorist acts undermine political and territorial integrity of countries, destroy the social fabric and disrupt democratic institutions, besides undermining economic growth and development. The Summit strongly condemned all kinds of terrorism, their perpetractors, and all those who support them under whatever guise, and called for enhanced regional and international cooperation to prevent and combat this menace. The Summit also recommended that all States become parties to multilateral conventions for the elimination of specific acts of terrorism in accordance with the applicable resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly. The Summit further called for the urgent conclusion and the effective implementation of a comprehensive international convention for combating terrorism.

हज यात्रियों को राजसहायता

2544. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा हज यात्रियों को लगातार राजसहायता दी जाती रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वित्तीय वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 और 1997-98 के दौरान हज-यात्रियों को कितनी-कितनी राजसहायता दी गई और इन हज-यात्रियों की संख्या कितनी थी;

(ग) क्या चालू वर्ष में भी हज-यात्रियों के लिए राजसहायता के रूप में कुछ राशि निर्धारित की गई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसे हज-यात्रियों की संख्या और उन्हें आंबटित की गई राजसहायता की राशि के संबंध में क्या अनुमान है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे): (क) जी हां। सरकार हज समिति, मुम्बई के माध्यम से हज करने वाले तीर्थ यात्रियों को हवाई चार्टर किरायों में आर्थिक सहायता प्रदान करती है।

(ख) वर्ष	यात्रियों की संख्या	कुल आर्थिक सहायता (करोड़ रु० में)
1995-96	50,347	38.47
1996-97	53,766	80.00
1997-98	63,648	111.49

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि हज 99 के दौरान हज समिति कि जरिये 63,000 यात्री हज यात्रा पर जायेंगे, जिसमें हज चार्टर पर कुल 111.13 करोड़ रूपये की आर्थिक सहायता शामिल होगी।

Memorandum of Understanding Between India and Neighbouring Countries

2545. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) signed by Government with Pakistan, Bangladesh, China, Sri Lanka and Nepal during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) the salient features of these MoUs; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The requisite details are as under:

	Pakistan	Bangladesh	China	Sri Lanka	Nepal
1996-97	Nil	Nil	5	Nil	Nil
1997-98	Nil	1	3	Nil	1
1998-99	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Total:	1	1	8	1	1